

# **STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY GOVERNING BOARD**

## **MINUTES**

### **August 12, 2014**

**SIGB MEMBERS PRESENT:** Leo Dutton, MSPOA, Ron Baldwin, State CIO; Kevin Myhre, MTLCT; Bonnie Lorang, MITS; Geoff Feiss, MTA; Jason Smith, Indian Affairs; Mike Doto, MT VFA; Jon Swartz, MDT; Jeff Fisher, DMA; Clint Loss for Jayne Rogers, MEMSA; Jon Swartz, MDT

**GUESTS:** Quinn Ness, PSCB/SWIC; Warren Dupuis, SITSD/SPOC; Dan Sullivan, PSCB; Chad Hultin, PSCB; Rhonda Sullivan, PSCB; Charlie Gilmore, LCSO; Ed Shindoll, Broadwater Co; Mark Bare, Motorola; Keith Cook, Motorola; Joe Mann, Motorola; Mark Taylor, Assoc. of MT Troopers; Mike Feldman, MHP; Trent Bower, Mineral Co; Jim Smith, MSPOA

**CONFERENCE CALL:** Roger Nasset, MACOP; Dan Hawkins, DHS OEC; Kim Burdick, APCO; Jason Shrauger, MT State Fire Chief's Assoc.; Dorothy Gremaux, MTLCT Alternate

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Sheriff Dutton, SIGB Chair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Kevin Myhre moved to accept the July minutes and Jeff Fisher seconded. The motion carried.

**STATUS REPORT: NPSBN FIRSTNET INITIAL CONSULTATION MEETING:**  
Dan Sullivan provided the following report:

- A date has not yet been set for Montana's Initial Consultation meeting with FirstNet.
- To date, 22 initial consultation packets have been approved by NTIA/FirstNet, along with Montana's.
- Amanda Hilliard, FirstNet Director of Outreach, commented to the Washington Post that requests for proposals will be issued in early 2015 and at that time, all states should know how much it will cost to join or opt out;
- It appears that the FirstNet network build out RFP is concurrently underway with the state consultation processes.
- Warren Dupuis, SPOC, made a teleconference presentation on August 6<sup>th</sup> to the MT State Fire Chief's Assoc. They are interested in the promise of FirstNet and praised Patrick Lonergan for his efforts.
- Warren additionally has a place holder on MSPOA's September agenda in Kalispell to speak on FirstNet; and he was also invited to attend their board meeting the following morning.

### **STATUS REPORT: LMR INITIATIVES & ACTIVITIES - WORKING GROUP**

**MEMBERSHIPS:** Quinn Ness provided the following report on implementation of SIGB Working Groups:

- Working group memberships should include SIGB members, SIGB alternates and other subject matter experts that are nominated by the SIGB.
- It is recommended that a SIGB member chair each group.

- Four working groups have been approved by the SIGB for implementation, including 1) Trunked LMR Systems Operations & Maintenance; 2) Training & Exercises; 3) Trunked LMR Systems Backbone and 4) Outreach
- The following SIGB members/alternates have been nominated or volunteered for the Operations & Maintenance Working Group:
  - Commissioner Joe Briggs, MACO Chair
  - Chief Mike Doto, MVFA
  - Colonel Tom Butler, MDOJ/MHP
  - Jon Swartz, MDT Maintenance Administrator
  - Bonnie Lorang, MITS

SME's:

- Charlie Gilmore, L&C Co.
- Roger Smith, L&C Co.
- Dale Osborne, MDOJ/MHP
- Jack Spillman, Flathead Co.

MOTION: Mike Doto moved to approve the O&M working group memberships and Jon Swartz seconded. The motion passed.

- The following SIGB members were nominated or volunteered for the Training & Exercise Working Group:
  - Colonel Jeff Fisher, MDMA, Chairman
  - Chief Roger Nasset, MACOP
  - Jayne Rogers, President MEMSA
  - Captain Patrick Lonergan, MFCA

SME's:

- Marty Angeli, MDMA/DES

MOTION: Kevin Myhre moved to accept membership for the Training & Exercise Working Group, and Jeff Fisher seconded. The motion passed.

- The following SIGB members/alternates have been nominated or volunteered for the Backbone Working Group:
  - Bonnie Lorang, General Manager, MITS

SME's:

- Charlie Gilmore, L&C County
- Roger Smith, L&C County
- Dale Osborne, MDOJ/MHP
- Jack Spillman, Flathead County

Other volunteers/nominations were needed for the LMR Backbone Working Group; therefore the following nominations were made:

- Geoff Feiss nominated Gary Evans with VisionNet; and Tory Richtmeyer, with Mid States Consultants, also an MTA member;
- Kevin Myhre nominated Dorothy Gremaux, MLCT Alternate;
- Bonnie Lorang nominated a member of MITS with subject area expertise as a placeholder. She will provide a name at later date.
- Mike Doto nominated Bob Drake with Tri-Lake Fire Department.

MOTION: Kevin Myhre motioned to approve all working group members as stated today; and to commence with chairman nominations at the September meeting. Mike Doto seconded, the motion passed.

Quinn Ness reported that as a result of several discussions with SIGB members and alternates that the Outreach Working Group may not be required, as SITSD PSCB is engaged in outreach activities through the SLIGP grant, and is working as a work group in these areas. The SPOC and/or SLIGP staff briefs the SIGB at every meeting on the outreach activities that are ongoing under the SLIGP.

MOTION: Kevin Myhre moved to defer the creation of the Outreach Working Group; Jeff Fisher seconded. The motion passed.

**Energy & Telecommunications Legislative Interim Committee (ETIC):** Quinn Ness provided the following report:

- The Interim Committee met on June 21, 2014; the “stranded” 9-1-1 wireless enhanced cost recovery funds were an agenda item and a topic of focus.
- The 9-1-1 wireless provider cost recovery account balance is approximately \$10 million,
- The ETIC passed a motion to request draft legislation allowing wireless providers to continue to seek cost recovery from the account through October, 2015.
- After that timeframe, any remaining funds would be “flushed” to the counties with 1% of the balance going to each county, and the remainder being distributed on a per-capita basis.
- Counties can use state 9-1-1 funding to support 9-1-1 systems and services and land mobile radio (LMR).
- Quinn provided a copy of the ETIC draft bill and provided an example of the 9-1-1 Wireless Enhanced Provider Account Allocation Model included in the draft bill.
- State 9-1-1 funding that’s distributed to tribal and local governments was also discussed. Currently approximately \$19,240,000 in state 9-1-1 funding has been distributed but is unexpended and is being held by local and tribal governments.
- Leo Dutton indicated and stressed that there is absolutely no plan to go after existing 9-1-1 funds that are distributed to tribal and local governments for the statewide trunked LMR system and encouraged SIGB members to make their organizations aware of this.
- Discussion regarding use of 9-1-1 stranded funds on build out of the statewide radio system ensued. Leo Dutton stated this will need to be revisited with a MACo member then readdressed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 2:14 pm in order to attend the optional statewide trunked LMR System tour at the Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office.